

I am honored to have known Jack as a colleague and friend, and hope that the designation of the Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building will serve as one of many different recognitions of his life and service to our country. His family remains in our thoughts and prayers, and I encourage my colleagues to keep his memory alive as we work together in the fight for freedom and opportunity for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, I missed eleven recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 841, "nay" on rollcall 842, "yea" on rollcall 843, "yea" on rollcall 844, "yea" on rollcall 845, "yea" on rollcall 846, "nay" on rollcall 847, "yea" on rollcall 848, "nay" on rollcall 849, "yea" on rollcall 850, and "yea" on rollcall 851.

HONORING MRS. MARGIE SULLIVAN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Margie Sullivan for her accomplishments and dedication to the bluegrass gospel music industry.

Sullivan, born in Baskin, LA, has devoted more than 60 years to the bluegrass gospel music ministry. Known as the "First Lady of Bluegrass Gospel Music," she is featured in the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame located in Bean Blossom, Indiana. In addition, she is an International Bluegrass Music Association Living Legend recipient, member of the Alabama Country Music Hall of Fame in Tusculumbia, Alabama, and has been named as "Goodwill Ambassador" for bluegrass music in several European countries.

Earning these recognitions is a tremendous honor, and I commend Margie for her hard work and compassion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mrs. Margie Sullivan. She is truly deserving of our appreciation.

REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF UKRAINIAN HOLODOMOR ON THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 76th anniversary of the famine that was deliberately and systematically inflicted upon the Ukrainian people by Josef Stalin's brutal regime. I rise today in solemn memory of the Ukrainians who were killed between 1932 and 1933.

The Ukrainian famine, referred to as Holodomor or "Death by Starvation," remains one of the least known human tragedies. An estimated 7 to 10 million Ukrainians perished when the Soviet government, using food as a weapon to suppress the nationalism and identity of the Ukrainian people, seized the country's 1932 grain crop and executed thousands who resisted. The country's borders were sealed to prevent starving Ukrainians from fleeing and to prevent any outside relief efforts from reaching the people.

In its effort to suppress the Ukrainian nation, the Soviet Union perpetrated a famine so brutal that it ranks as one of the starkest examples of inhumanity in modern history.

For generations, the Soviet Union tried to ban discussion of the famine, deceptively portraying the millions of deaths as the result of drought, food shortages, or unavoidable circumstances. We know this is false. The recently opened Soviet archives show the premeditated, political nature of the famine. The commendable work of Ukrainian scholars and the Ukrainian-American community is helping to bring these horrors to light and to ensure our collective memory of this terrible act.

I am proud that Congress has supported efforts to recognize the Holodomor, particularly legislation allowing Ukraine to donate a memorial in the District of Columbia honoring the famine's victims. The Ukrainian Government, the Ukrainian-American Community, and the Department of the Interior have identified a site for this memorial and the Ukrainian Government is now working toward a design. This memorial is deeply significant to the 1.5 million Ukrainian-Americans, indeed to all of us, and will serve as a tangible reminder of the horror tyranny can inflict.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in remembering the victims of the Ukrainian Holodomor on its 76th anniversary and in renewing our commitment to ensure events such as this are never repeated.

SALUTING KATHLEEN HODGES OF GARLAND'S WALNUT GLEN ACADEMY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'd like to recognize Kathleen Hodges for winning the Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award 2008–2009. She teaches at Walnut Glen Academy in Garland and lives in Rowlett. Kathleen stands head and shoulders above her peers for her role as an outstanding humanities teacher making a difference in the lives of young Texans.

The Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards recognizes 11 exemplary K–12 humanities teachers. Humanities Texas, formerly the Texas Council for the Humanities, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Humanities Texas conducts and supports public programs in history, literature, philosophy, and other humanities disciplines. These programs strengthen Texas communities and ultimately help sustain representative democracy by cultivating informed, educated citizens.

After a 21-year career in education, Hodges has numerous teaching accolades to her

name, including the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and the Walnut Glen Academy Teacher of the Year Award. She considers her proudest accomplishment the art program she has helped establish at Walnut Glen Academy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Karen for her selfless contributions to make Texas and America a better place by pouring into our young people. Please join me in congratulating Karen on a magnificent achievement and wishing her all the best with her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING OLD NATIONAL BANK ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Old National Bank as a community leader and trusted financial institution. For 175 years, Old National Bank has been providing outstanding service and banking options to communities throughout the Ohio River Valley.

The bank was founded in 1834 in Evansville, Indiana. And since that time, Old National has grown to become one of the most trusted financial institutions in the country. By committing itself to a sound, conservative approach to banking, Old National has survived and thrived when others faltered.

Old National is more than just a bank; it is actively working to improve our communities, too. Through its foundation, the bank is giving back and supporting community initiatives through generous grants. And employees have added manpower to those initiatives, volunteering thousands of hours to the communities and causes they care about.

Without a doubt, Old National Bank has made Evansville and the other communities it serves a better place for our citizens.

Congratulations, Old National; here's to another 175 years of success and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING MARGARET BEATTY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Margaret Beatty for being selected Queen Evangeline of the 41st International Acadian Festival in Iberville Parish.

Margaret, a 17-year-old senior at St. John High School in Plaquemine, La., is the daughter of Donnie and Amy Beatty.

The International Acadian Festival is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #970 of Plaquemine, which is the oldest Knights of Columbus Council in Louisiana.

It is always outstanding to see the diligence with which the young students of Louisiana work to give back and better their communities. I have the highest confidence that Margaret will succeed in whatever endeavors she pursues.

I ask my colleagues to join me in passing good wishes to Margaret Beatty, her family,